(b) Some of the steps taken to implement the recommendations are :

(1) PC based universal counter machines have been installed in more than 500 countries of post offices in different circles.

(2) The Department has launched a pilot project for transmission of Money Orders via Satellite Channel at Six locations i.e. Delhi, Bangalore, Lucknow, Madras. Patna and Shimla.

(3) 'Metro', Rajdhani' and 'Business', mail channels have been introduced.

(4) Computerisation of savings bank operations has been extended to all the nine Head Post Offices in Delhi, Bombay General Posts Office, Dadar Head Post Office in Maharashtra Circle and Chandigarh General Post Office in Punjab Circle.

(5) Computerisation of Postal Life Insurance operations has been done in 9 Postal Circles i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Gujarat Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Army Postal Service.

(6) Computers have been installed in Postal Staff College, Ghaziabad and in Postal Training Centres at Mysore, Saharanpur and Vadodara.

(7) Bulk Mail Centres have been opened at Bangalore, Bombay Hyderabad and New Delhi.

Meter System for local calls

894. SHRI K. M KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether meter system for local calls has been introduced in some parts of country;

(b) if so, names of these places, district-wise with date of its effectiveness;

(c) whether some time limit fixed for these local calls is proposed to be extended;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to introduce meter system for local calls in Andhra Pradesh during 1994 and 1995; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir, Periodic Metering of 5 minutes on local calls in electronic exchanges only has been introduced at places having capacity of more than 30,000 lines.

(b) The information is given in the Statement. (*See* below) This policy is not according to the revenue districts but it is based on the capacity of the system of the places.

(c) and (d) Time limit fiexd for these calls is not proposed at present to be extended because this measure is meant to dissuade unduly long conversations on local calls to avoid congestion.

(e) Yes Sir.

(f) At two places i.e Hyderabad and Vijayawada it has already been introduced and its introduction at other places will depend on the system capacities exceeding 30,000 lines

Statement

5 Minutes Metering System for Local Calls

Name of the Place	Date of Effectiveness
1. Hyderabad	31-7-92
2. Vijayawada	28-3-94
3. Patna	3-7-92
4. Ahmedabad	16-6-92
5. Baroda	15-6-92
6. Surat	17-6-92
7. Rajkot	16-6-92
8. Faridabad	17-1-94
9. Bangalore	25-6-92
10. Trivandrum	1-7-92
11. Ernakulam	1-7-92
12. Indore	1-7-92
13. Bhopal	21-6-92
14. Jabalpur	1-5-94
15. Pune	1-7-92
16. Amritsar	30-6-92
17. Chandigarh	24-7-92
18. Ludhiana	20-6-92
19. Jalandhar	9-5-94
20. Jaipur	31-7-92
21 Coimbatore	1-3-93
22. Kanpur	16-6-92
23. Ghaziabad	16-6-92
24. Noida	28-3-94
25. Lucknow	16-6-92
26. Agra	14-6-94
27. Varanasi	1-4-94
28. Meerut	1-4-94
29. Bombay	16-6-92
30. New Bombay	1-12-93
31. Calcutta	29-6-9
32. Delhi	16-6-92
33. Madras	22-6-92
34. Nagpur	1-7-92

Role of ITI in The New Telecom Policy

895. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of Indian Telephone Industry as a pioneer-Telecom Industry in the country in the New Telecom Policy;

(b) what are the steps taken up by the Indian Telephone Industries Limited (ITI) to face the situation arisen out of open Telecom Policy;

(c) whether the loss in ITI units all over the country is due to the multinationals entering Telecom Industry, which was earlier he monopoly of Indian Industry; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to keep up the supermacy of the Indian Telephone Industry in the field of Telecommunication?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Having the largest manufacturing base for telecom. equipment in India, ITI is expected to retain its market share for most of the telecom equipment in the New Telecom Policy also.

(b) ITI has taken steps to ensure competitiveness in terms of diversification of technologies, quality, cost, delivery, retraining and redevelopment of man-power etc.